

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 646 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO. 16333 OF 2023

Giridhar Mohan Shete.

... Petitioner.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

... Respondents.

Mr. Avinash Fatangare a/w. Ms. Archana Shelar, Advocate for
Petitioner.

Mr. P.P. Kakade, Addl. G.P. a/w. Ms. P.N. Diwan, AGP for
Respondent/State.

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND

ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.

DATE : 12th NOVEMBER, 2025

P.C. :

1. We have perused the order dated 29th April, 2024 passed by
the Writ Bench, more particularly, paragraph Nos. 6 and 7, which read as
under :

*“6. In that view of the matter, we dispose of this petition
by directing that the above impugned order will be treated
as notice to Petitioners of the proposed ground/s for
rejection of Petitioner No. 1’s proposal, which stands
restored. If there are any other grounds on which the
Respondent Education Officer intends to return or reject the
proposal, he is directed to communicate the same to the*

Petitioners within a period of 3 weeks from today.

7. The Petitioners shall thereafter submit their explanation to the proposed grounds, along with supporting material including government resolutions, case laws / orders of this Court etc. if relied upon. The Respondent Education Officer is directed to decide the proposal of Petitioner No. 1 thereafter within a period of 8 weeks, by dealing with the explanation given by the Educational Institute as also dealing with case law/orders of this Court, by passing a reasoned order, subject to other time bound directions. The order will be passed as per directions in Nitin Tadge's case, as stated above."

2. The concerned Education Officer Smt. Dahitule issued a notice of hearing to the Management on 5/7/2024. The Management performed the compliances on 6th May, 2025. She heard the Management. She was transferred on 4th June, 2025. She was succeeded by Mr. Devidas Mahajan. Since this Contempt Petition was listed before us the day before yesterday, Mr. Devidas Mahajan passed an order on/11/2025 at 8.30 p.m. The lacunae is that Smt. Dahitule heard the Management and Mr. Mahajan passed the order.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader submits on instructions that Mr. Mahajan has realised his mistake and tenders an apology. He submits that the order passed by him shall be recalled forthwith. The Management shall appear in his office on 24th November,

2025 at 11.30 a.m. He would consider the submissions of the Management and the material placed before him. Thereafter, he would pass a reasoned order on or before 31st December, 2025 and shall communicate the order to the Management on its email address within 24 hours. Email address of the Management is as under :

Email address : prhs1937@gmail.com

3. By referring to the above statement, this **Contempt Petition is disposed off**. However, we record that if the statement made before us is not honoured, we would hold Mr. Devidas Mahajan in aggravated contempt.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)